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In re Application of Gregory S. Blank et al. Serial No.: not yet assigned Filed: August 27, 2001 For: PROTEIN RECOVERY	Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned Examiner: To Be Assigned  <b>EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EM 168-883 284 US</b>
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, the undersigned respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 8-10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a non-provisional application filed under 1.53(b) claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 to co-pending application Serial Number 09/460,587, filed December 14, 1999, which is a divisional of application Serial Number 09/097,309, filed June 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,121,428, which claims the benefit under 35 USC § 119(e) to provisional application number 60/050,951, filed June 13, 1997, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 13.

Please add claim 20:

--20. (New) A method for modifying a precursor antibody comprising a leucine zipper comprising exposing the precursor antibody to a protease immobilized on a solid phase such that the protease removes the leucine zipper from the precursor antibody, wherein the precursor antibody binds HER2 receptor, HER3 receptor or HER4 receptor.--

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the specification:**

Paragraph beginning at line 8 of page 1 has been amended as follows:

~~This application is a non-provisional application filed under 37 CF\$ 1.53(b)1, claiming priority under 35 USC 110(e) to provisional application number 60/050,951 filed 13 June 1997, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.~~

This application is a non-provisional application filed under 1.53(b) claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 to co-pending application Serial Number 09/460,587, filed December 14, 1999, which is a divisional of application Serial Number 09/097,309, filed June 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,121,428, which claims the benefit under 35 USC § 119(e) to provisional application number 60/050,951, filed June 13, 1997, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

**In the claims:**

Claim 13 has been canceled.

Claim 20 has been added.

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